

Annual overview - Summary 2016 / 2017

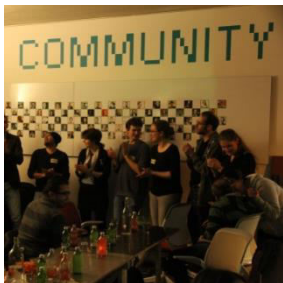
DEEP Germany is an independently registered association and a member of the 'Global DEEP Network' that exclusively acts for non-profit purposes. We work to strengthen international and intercultural understanding, cooperation for development and peace building for an ecological and sustainable future. Since our official recognition as a non-profit association in April 2016 we have carried out the following projects:

Creating encounters and fostering Empathic Engagement:

We make people from diverse generations and cultures get together in a series of organized events. The purpose is to build bridges between local communities and to promote empathic engagement among different people and with the environment.

- **Theatre for peace – Ubuntu – 'I am because you are'**

We have put together and released a theatre play with a group of actors and volunteers, holding two premiere performances on May 6th and 7th 2019, at Hamburg's Cultural Center 'Universum ALLtona'. The shows were held under the motto of the African philosophy of 'Ubuntu, I am because you are. They dealt with in an interactive form societal problems by combining a critical perspective with humoristic acting. The project was successfully presented again on September 30th and October 1st 2016, at Hamburg's ship theatre 'Zeppelin'.



- **Intercultural Dinner and Sports events**

We aim to promote intercultural Dialogue and empathic cross-cultural engagement by means of informal small-scale events organized around cooking together and team sports. In April 2016 we organized an intercultural dinner with refugees and German citizens, together with the non-profit association 'Über den Tellerrand kochen e.V.', which means something like 'cooking beyond the edge of our own plate'. After this first encounter we initiated weekly meetings to play football matches in the city park of Hamburg.

Promoting Peace Education and Training:

We consider education important which transcends regular, subject-bound classes and deals with social and global topics. We also believe that such type of projects with younger generations are necessary to move towards sustainable positive change, away from harmful structures. In this framework, we design and prepare educational projects for diverse age groups. Within these we bring up certain topics and problems, motivating students to develop creative, political ideas which include self-awareness. Thereby we take care to include voices of marginalized groups and to spread democratic and economically fair structures that empower all participants.

- **Project Days on 'Peace and sustainable Development'**

From 22nd to 24th June 2016 we organized and led project days at the German School in Madrid, on the topic of 'Peace



and Sustainable Development'. For this purpose we prepared material to cover three days of class for all 5th to 11th graders (students aged 11 to 17), offering educative material and structured lesson plans for teachers, as well as an introductory teacher's training on peace education. During these days, around 900 students critically engaged with interactive learning processes on the topics of 'social inequality', 'sustainable consumption', 'crisis for refugees' and 'terrorism'. The students teamed up and worked on

subtopics which they connected in their debates within and across different classrooms and prepared results, which were shown at the final summer party for all students, teachers and parents.

- **Training for Creative Project Management**

From September 9th to 10th 2016 DEEP Germany led a creative project management training for students of 'United World College' in Maastricht, the Netherlands. The goal of this project was to help tomorrow's social innovators to make their sustainable projects successful. For this purpose we utilized the method of 'Dragon Dreaming' as well as principles of social permaculture, empathic listening and charismatic communication.



On April 23rd and 24th 2017 two of our DEEPsters also held a second workshop on the 'Art of Resilience' at United World College Maastricht. This introductory workshop for fearless self-discovery was organized for students who want to work on themselves and engage in creative and physical activities, mindfulness training, active listening and storytelling, in order to develop their potential through awareness of self, others and the planet.

- **Cooperation with DEEP Yogyakarta**

We contributed to our Indonesian partner DEEP Yogyakarta in the creation of different MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses), which are developed in cooperation with Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia. The two courses are for free and available for everyone who likes to engage regardless of their prior level of education. The aim is to reach financially disadvantaged groups who want to pursue an education but are not able to. Furthermore this project shall provide education alternatives by focusing on conveying values such as intercultural dialogue, empathic engagement and positive peace. The first course started in October 2016.



- **Meeting for global peacebuilding, international collaboration and international understanding**



Our projects provide us with many learning opportunities as well as the possibility to expand our network, for further engagement and funding. In order to foster such opportunities, we regularly take part in various international peace meetings in which we represent DEEP Germany. We assisted larger events on 5th-6th January 2016 in Barcelona, Spain, on 13th-15th May 2016 in Audruicq, France and in the month of February 2017 in Castellón de la Plana, Spain.

At these network meetings and peace conferences, people from more than 40 countries have come together to learn from and with each other and to jointly plan projects that strengthen international understanding, international development cooperation and peacebuilding for an ecological and sustainable future.



- **Theatre Workshop for Students**

From September 12th until September 17th 2016 we gave a theater workshop for students aged 12 to 16 years, at the secondary school 'Alter Teichweg' in Hamburg. The demand of the school was to work on the theme 'Fairy Tales'. Our aim was to enable the students to work independently while accompanying their decision-making processes. The main difficulty was to bring together the very different interests of the students. The introduction of a 'self-organised dialogue', was helpful to target this difficulty where every opinion was appreciated and where the students themselves reminded each other to be more attentive and considerate. We are very happy about the positive feedback by the teachers and the students. The performance astonished the teachers and brought joy to the students.



- **Our collaboration with ThoughtBox**

ThoughtBox is an educational organization that develops interactive curricula on a series of topics which are used by schools and learning communities around the globe. The core aims of ThoughtBox are 'Critical Thinking', 'Empathy Building' and 'Unlearning'. Since 2017 we are working together on an array of educational projects to provide a constructive and creative space for societal issues of today which are not given enough time within the framework of normal, subject-bound classes. One of our first joint projects is the establishment of an interactive, cross-cultural sharing platform called Youth Café. This will be a forum to connect various schools across the continents, enabling dialogue and a united engagement of young people from a range of different backgrounds.



Here you can read more about the inspiring work of ThoughtBox:

<http://www.thoughtboxeducation.com>

<https://thoughtboxthinks.blogspot.de>

- **Project on Gender-Based Violence with Calatea**

From June 20th until June 23rd 2017, DEEP Germany lead a new project for a total of 120 15-year-old students in 10th-grader classrooms at German School Madrid, this time in collaboration with the association for socially engaging theatre, [Calatea](#). The students learned about Gender-Based Violence, its history, resistances, the relevance of feminism and how our everyday behaviors are related to these issues. The project ended with a theatre show by a group of youngsters coming from Ramiro de Maeztu School, representing their self-written play on sexual violence, as well as a debate among all participants.



- **Teacher's training at German School Barranquilla, Colombia**



On August 31st 2017 DEEP Germany led a training for the teachers of the German School Barranquilla in Colombia, on the topic of 'Peace and Walls'. Teachers learned about the beginnings of peace research, the meaning of peace as a concept, conflict transformation through the principles of aikido as well as holistic paths to integrate interdisciplinary projects into their lessons.

The next day one of our DEEPsters held a 'BAQ talk': a speech in the format of TED talks, with the title of 'How you can be the change you want to see in the world'.



- **'The other is me!' / 'L'Autre, c'est moi!'**

We are happy to support a project by our sister organization DEEP France, in Lille. This project brought people from different communities together: refugees and locals of diverse backgrounds, religions, generations, opinions and languages . The aim of the project was to highlight alternative perspectives on migration, hospitality and identity through theatre and art. The procedure was as following: It began with an initial workshop-weekend, then a week of practice from October 30th to November 3rd 2017 and finally a presentation on Saturday, November 4th 2017.

